



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543

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Buck Schilling, Treasurer
Republican Party Of Wisconsin
148 E. Johnson Street, P.O. Box 31
Madison, WI 53703

Response Due Date:
December 26, 2003

Identification Number: C00074450

Reference: October Monthly Report (9/1/03-9/30/03)

Dear Mr. Schilling:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-On Schedule D of your previous report, you disclosed a debt(s) owed to "Chamberlain Research Consultants" and "Public Opinion Strategies." This obligation(s), however, has been omitted from this report. Please amend your report to include this debt(s) on Schedule D and Line 10 of the Summary Page. All debts and obligations must be disclosed until extinguished. 11 CFR §104.11

-The outstanding balance of a debt owed to a creditor at the close of one report should be exactly the same as the beginning outstanding balance of the next report. The September Monthly Report (8/1/03-8/31/03) shows an ending balance to Strategic Telecommunications of \$28,324.29, while this report shows a beginning balance of \$37,454.98. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

-Schedule B supporting Line 21(b) of your report discloses a payment(s) totaling \$15,921.54 for "Monthly Retainer for direct mail," "Prospecting phone calls," and "Prospecting telemarketing calls." Expenditures and disbursements for public communications (as defined under 11 CFR §100.26) that refer to a clearly identified candidate for Federal office and that promote, support, attack or oppose any candidate for Federal office, meet the definition of Federal Election Activity under 11 CFR §100.24.

Please provide further clarification regarding this activity, specifically whether it referenced and promoted, attacked or opposed a clearly identified candidate for Federal office. If this is the case, please amend your report to properly disclose this activity as an in-kind contribution, an independent expenditure or a coordinated expenditure, as appropriate, on a Schedule B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25, respectively.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1135.

Sincerely,



Maureen Benitz
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